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Interview Summary

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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 3, 6 and 10.

Identification of prior art discussed: Otsuka et al., US PgPub. 2003/0103650 A1; Saka et al., US Pat. 6,590,521 B1.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed 35 USC 101 rejections, keeping device claims but adding recitation of an image pickup means or camera; discussed 35 USC 112 2nd rejections concerning apparent invocation of 35 USC 112 6th, agreeing upon replacing "means for" with "section for"; discussed 35 USC 103 rejections of claims 1 and 6, particularly in light of claim 3.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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